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SUBJECT: WALDHEIM VISIT

1. UN SECGEN WALDHEIM ENDED A 48-HOUR VISIT TO TUNISIA AUG 22. VISIT INCLUDED MEETINGS WITH PRESIDENT BOURGUIBA, PRIMIN NOUIRA AND FONMIN CHATTI. IN HIS POST-MEETING COMMENTS AND PRESS CONFERENCE WALDHEIM MADE FOLLOWING POINTS:

2. SITUATION IN MIDDLE EAST IS "VERY GRAVE" DESPITE DISENGAGEMENT OF FORCES, SINCE PARTIES INVOLVED "REMAIN ATTACHED TO THEIR POSITIONS OF PRINCIPLE." IN HIS OPINION GENEVA CONFERENCE WILL NOT RECONVENE UNTIL END OF FALL OR EVEN END OF YEAR, "BECAUSE OF POSTPONEMENT OF ARAB SUMMIT, BECAUSE OF CONTACTS AMONG ARAB COUNTRIES TO COORDINATE THEIR POSITIONS AND BECAUSE OF DIPLOMATIC CONTACTS NECESSARY FOR THE PREPARATION OF CONFERENCE." THE ESSENTIAL THING IS THAT THE CONFERENCE BE PROPERLY PREPARED. PRESENCE OF PALESTINIAN REPRESENTATIVES AT GENEVA WILL BE DECISIVE FOR SUCCESS OF CONFERENCE.

3. WHILE DEPLORING SITUATION ON CYPRUS WALDHEIM STRESSED THAT UN MANDATE OF 1964 PROVIDED THAT UNFICYP SHOULD ONLY SEPARATE CYPRIOT FACTIONS, NOT ENGAGE IN HOSTILITIES WITH ARMIES OF MEMBER STATES. HE EMPHASIZED UN HUMANITARIAN ACTIVITIES ON THE ISLAND. (BOURGUIBA WAS REPORTED AS HAVING TOLD SEPARATE VISITING GROUP OF ARAB PARLIAMENTARIANS THAT WALDHEIM SAID UN MIGHT NEED TUNISIAN TROOPS IN CYPRUS. BOURGUIBA REPORTEDLY REPLIED AMBIGUOUSLY THAT TUNISIA WAS AMONG FIRST TO RESPOND TO UN IN CONGO CRISIS).

4. ON SPANISH SAHARA QUESTION
SECGEN POINTED TO UN RESOLUTIONS
CALLING FOR SELF-DETERMINATION FOR THE TERRITORY.

5. WALDHEIM STATED HIS FIRM CONVICTION THAT LISBON GOVERNMENT IS SINCERE IN PLEDGE TO GRANT INDEPENDENCE OF PORTUGUESE COLONIES IN AFRICA. HE SAID GUINEA-BISSAU WOULD SURELY BE ADMITTED TO UN IN SEPTEMBER.

6. WALDHEIM COMMENTED THAT AFTER 30 YEARS, STRUCTURE OF UN NEEDS TO BE REVISED A LITTLE, BUT THAT ESSENCE OF UN'S PROBLEMS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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IS NOT FAILURE OF THE INSTRUMENT BUT FAILURE OF MEMBER COUNTRIES TO USE THE INSTRUMENT.

7. COMMENT: VISIT WAS ESSENTIALLY COURTESY CALL PREVIOUSLY POSTPONED BECAUSE OF OUTBREAK OF HOSTILITIES IN CYPRUS. WALDHEIM STATED PUBLICLY SEVERAL TIMES THAT HIS VISIT WAS VALUABLE IN TERMS OF GAINING NEW INSIGHTS INTO MEDITERRANEAN PROBLEMS PRESUMABLY AS SEEN BY TUNISIANS, BUT WE DOUBT THAT HE HEARD ANYTHING THAT

TUNISIANS HAVE NOT SAID PUBLICLY MANY TIMES.

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